

this world, and not until their Lord hands to them their crowns in that day. Surely all the church should have a part in this great work. Brethren, to do missionary work is more than a duty. It is a privilege. A heaven given privilege for us to be co-workers with the Lord. "Let not your heart be troubled," "and do not murmur," are commandments worth praying for grace to obey. For therein is great joy. J. O. TALLEY.
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From the National Capital

"Glad you didn't follow my example."—Just a few days ago an aged mother talked thus to her son. She had lived all her life in the Roman Catholic faith, but she never succeeded in getting her children to accept the doctrines of that church. A few months ago her only son united with the Brethren Church. Ever since he has been fervently praying that God would open his mother's eyes to see the truth as "it is in Jesus." God has already answered his prayer. He said to me, "I knew He would do it;" and he wept tears of joy as he told me how his mother had called him to her bed-side and said, "John, I'm so glad you have not followed my example."

Since that time I have thought so much of those words. How much better it would have been had the wrong example of her life never been set. Reader, what about the example of *your* life? Parents, are *you* setting examples for your children that will bring joy, or grief, to your hearts, by and by, which?

"Bring out that old Bible."—Years ago, she had put the Bible away—the Protestant Bible presented by her husband before his death. But she had found no use for that. But as soon as the light of God shone into her soul, she called on her son to "Bring out that old Bible."

And this act of her's has suggested many thoughts to my mind. How many who profess to know God and call themselves christians and yet do not seem to have time to find God in His Word. They read the Bible, (when they read it at all,) as a duty, and not because it is the "joy and rejoicing of their hearts." When the true light of God shines in our hearts we read the Bible because we love to read it, and not because we have to do so. It is a feast to our souls, not a burden.

Quarterly Business Meeting.—It took place last night; large attendance, splendid meeting; got thru with business in time to have special devotional services at the close.

Contributions.—Since our last letter we have received some financial aid from a few sources which will be reported in the regular way, but we say, "Where are the nine?" Many that used to respond to the needs of the Board have not been heard from for a long time. Perhaps they are waiting for Thanksgiving. We trust that at that time there will be such offerings made that there will be no further need of reference to these

things. We expect to hold special services Thanksgiving night, at which time we intend to have the opening of our "Self-denial barrels."

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Our work has been blessed of the Lord in the conversion of souls, and also in strengthening that which already existed. In Chicago we have had twelve accessions; eleven by baptism, and one by letter, and several others immediately interested. The work we believe is growing in solidity and strength.

The Sunday school has a healthy growth; the average attendance the past year was 33, 1-3. Our enrollment is about 60. We have five classes, presided over by consecrated, and earnest teachers. The membership of the mission is fifty-six, of which there are nine whose whereabouts we do not know, six whose faithfulness may be questioned, who are the burden of our daily prayers to the Lord for a more perfect salvation in their behalf. But there remain forty-one faithful ones, who we believe will average with the general congregations in spirituality, some of whom are very consecrated in the work. All are poor in this world's goods, but earn a livelihood by good honest labor.

Our Sunday-school collections the past year was \$25.95. Forwarded from last year \$9.75. Total \$35.50. Expended for literature \$20.05. Balance in treasury, \$15.55. We have a live Junior Kings Children.

Beginning with the holidays, we had meetings every night until the 5th of March, and the regular services of the week are Sunday morning and evening, with Junior services for the children on Sunday afternoon. Mid-week Bible meetings on Wednesday, and Friday evenings. Bible teaching is prominent in all the services.

At other mission points in my care where I have been enabled to preach the word, evidences of the blessings of the Lord are apparent. At Astoria, Ill., where I held a weeks meetings in November, the results were two confessions, which were to have been baptized in the spring, but circumstances defeated my plans, and the baptisms have not yet been administered, but since I have been informed there are others ready to receive baptism, and I hope to go there in September. There are seventeen faithful members at this point. While they have never had a pastor, yet the lay members have worked faithfully, tho for several years they gave their labors to other denominations, and called in a minister occasionally to minister to them the word, but last Spring they rented a Church house, that is the property of a Congregation that is rapidly decreasing, and now they have Sunday-school regularly every Lords day, and are prepared to have services of their own when ever they can get a preacher. Auburn, Coffeen, and Virden, Ill., constitute a promising field, which I hope soon to visit and open up a work.

In May, last I held a ten days' meeting near Stanley, Wisconsin, which resulted in twenty-four accessions, 14 by relation, and ten by baptism, with several who expressed a desire to be baptized when I can make them another visit, which I hope to do soon, and hold with them a love-feast. I organized them into a class for work, ordaining a minister, and a deacon. Bro. T. D. Vanburen, who has labored in the German Baptist Church for twenty five years, was called to be their minister, and to take the oversight of the Church. In June I held a two weeks meeting at Montour, Iowa, which resulted in 13 accessions. In the meetings that I have been enabled to hold the past year, there have been fifty-one accessions. I have had constantly to plan my work with regard to means to carry it out, and I need hardly tell you that several times the means were not at hand, so that I felt seriously handicapped for the time, but by the help of the Lord we have done the best we could. Let there be constant prayer on the part of the Church at large for her mission points, and those who have the care of them, for there is much hard work, and many hindering obstacles, but by faith in our Savior, the power of the word, and the leading of the Holy Spirit we will overcome all things.

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The Sunday School

LESSON 10—DECEMBER 9, 1900

Bartimeus Healed—Mark 10: 46-52

Golden Text.—Lord, that I might receive my sight.—Mark 10: 51.

Lesson Thought—Earnest, persevering faith will overcome all obstacles.

Time—Soon after the last lesson, the latter part of March, A. D. 30.

Place.—Jericho, situated about fifteen or twenty miles northeast of Jerusalem.

Home Readings

Mathew 21: 1-11; Luke 18: 35-43; Mark 10: 13-16; Luke 5: 12-17; Matthew 9: 27-31; Matthew 20: 29-34.

Lesson Links

Jesus had left Perea now forever. For six months the Great Teacher had been living in Perea, that province where the early Christians found refuge during the destruction of Jerusalem forty years later. He had left the rich young ruler behind him sorrowing for the fact that he could not have eternal life because of his love of riches.

Jesus had crossed the historic Jordan for the last time, and now with his disciples was on the road up to Jerusalem where the final act of his life and the tragedy of the world would be enacted.

Lesson Story

And, of course, in this journey they passed thru Jericho. And as he passed out from it with his disciples a great multitude of people drawn by curiosity, perhaps, followed Jesus. His fame had now gone abroad everywhere. The accounts of Christ's wonderful words spoken in Perea, of his miracles performed